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**EASLEY APPOINTS MCLAUGHLIN TO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION**

Raleigh - Gov. Mike Easley has appointed W. Kevin McLaughlin Jr. of Asheville to the North Carolina Commission on Workforce Development.

McLaughlin is a partner at Van Winkle, Buck, Wall, Starnes and Davis, P.A. Previously, he worked as an employment specialist for the Mid-East Commission, a regional development agency in Washington, where he managed a worker retraining program. McLaughlin received his bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina and his juris doctorate from Wake Forest University School of Law.

The commission works to develop and improve strategies that produce a skilled and competitive workforce. There are 38 members on the board, each serving a four-year term. The governor appoints 32 members.